

REMARKS

In response to the above noted Office Action applicant has cancelled claims 22 and 32 and incorporated their limitations into Claims 21 and 31, respectively.

In the Office Action, Claim 21 as rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over admitted prior art in view of Tiedemann Jr. et al. Claim 31 was rejected under the same basis. In the Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 32 and 22 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this connection, Applicant has amended Claims 21 and 31 so that they correspond to Claims 22 and 32 respectively rewritten in independent form.

Additionally, the Examiner has objected to the specification as not containing an Abstract of the disclosure. In response, submitted herewith is an Abstract of the disclosure on a separate sheet.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all outstanding requirements have been complied with and the subject application is now in condition for allowance which early action is submitted.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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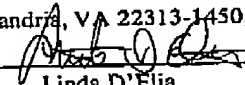
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